In the Claims:

1.(original) A packaged hair removing product comprising a container and a hair-removing layer therein, wherein the container comprises a sheet formed with a shallow well, the hair-removing layer being retained in the shallow well, the container further comprising a closure member which retains the hair-removing layer in the container, the closure member being removable or displaceable from the container to permit removal of the hair-removing layer, wherein the hair-removing layer has a depilatory action and said layer is in inseparable contact with a substrate, to form a patch.

2.(currently amended) A product according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1, wherein the substrate projects laterally from the layer and the sheet has a stepped recess by accommodate snugly the layer and the projection of the substrate beyond the layer.

3.(currently amended) A product according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in claim 1 or 2~~, wherein the sheet has a flange or rim around the whole of its periphery against which the closure member is sealed.

4.(currently amended) A product according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim~~, wherein the layer comprises a polymeric material.

5.(currently amended) A product according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 4, wherein the polymeric material comprises polyvinyl alcohol.

6.(currently amended) A product according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 5, wherein a cosmetically acceptable gel-promoting agent is employed with the polyvinyl alcohol.

7.(currently amended) A product according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 6, wherein the cosmetically acceptable gel-promoting agent is a borate or boric acid.

8. (currently amended) A product according to claim 5 ~~as claimed in claims 5, 6 or 7~~, wherein the depilatory composition is an aqueous composition comprising water in an amount between 40wt% and 90wt%, of the total weight of the composition.

9.(currently amended) A product according to claim 5 ~~as claimed in any of claims 5 to 8~~, wherein the composition further comprises a polyhydric alcohol.

10.(currently amended) A product according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim~~, wherein the depilatory composition is alkaline.

11.(currently amended) A method of depilation comprising (a) removing or displacing a closure member of a product according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim~~, to access the layer; (b) applying the layer to the skin; and (c) removing the layer from the skin.

12.(currently amended) A method of manufacturing a product according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10~~, comprising the steps of: (a) introducing the hair-removing composition as a warm, flowable composition into the shallow well; and (b) closing the container by means of the closure member.

13. (canceled)

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15. (canceled)

16. (new) A product according to claim 6 wherein the depilatory composition is an aqueous composition comprising water in an amount between 40wt% and 90wt%, of the total weight of the composition.

17. (new) A product according to claim 7 wherein the depilatory composition is an aqueous composition comprising water in an amount between 40wt% and 90wt%, of the total weight of the composition.

18. (new) A product according to claim 6 wherein the composition further comprises a polyhydric alcohol.

19. (new) A product according to claim 7 wherein the composition further comprises a polyhydric alcohol.

20. (new) A product according to claim 8 wherein the composition further comprises a polyhydric alcohol.